



Huntsville High School Board Parent Association
Band Parents Association Meeting

October 26, 2022
6:00 pm
HHS Band Room

The Huntsville High School Band Parent Association Board met on October 26, 2022 in the HHS Band Room. The following board members were present: Ben Boles (president), Lisa Allport (2nd vice president – fundraising), Johnny Bradt (2nd vice president – fundraising), Brenda Tapia (co-treasurer), Christine Starnes (co-treasurer), Joe Rist (secretary). Committee chairs present: Marie Jeffress (color guard liaison), Les Skulski (trucks/equipment), Stephanie Winters (trip committee), Ben Boles (media chair), Band Directors Stuart Tankesley was also present.

Meeting was called to order by the Association President, Ben Boles at 6:00 pm.

Mr. Tankesley gave an update of the status of the band going to the playoff game. Mr. King/Huntsville High School is unable to fund a bus to travel to Birmingham for playoff game. One option is to take a 1 bus senior leadership pep band or not going at all. Mr. Tankesley said we will decide in the next 24/48 hours.

Finance

Brenda Tapia reviewed current accounts receivable and amount of cash we have on hand currently. Handed out current budget (attached).

Uniforms and Senior Night

Ben thanked everyone for the incredible effort of handling uniforms for Senior night and how we all worked together to get the new uniforms out.

Senior Trip

Mr. Tankesley advised that we will use the same company we used for Orlando last year. The plan is to take the seniors to New York. We currently have 24 seniors signed up for the trip. The trip will take place over Spring Break. Mr. King has informally given the approval and we are waiting for formal approval.

London Trip

- a. We will continue to use Charms to track trip funds. The board will continue to look at other methods as an alternative after the London trip.
- b. Ultimately, we need to come up with a total cost for the London trip (to cover the buses, tips, etc....) and how much of the cost the board will contribute to these costs. We will start to explore these costs in January 2023.
- c. Mr. Tankesley wants to help make sure all students who want to go on the trip can go financially. Channel 31 has agreed to help Huntsville High School Band to promote any/all events and offer any assistance necessary to help us advertise. The London Parade encourages bands to look at community

- assistance to fund the trip. We need to look at what we can do to get companies involved in sponsoring our band for this trip to help financially (scholarships/sponsors). Christine suggested we look at letter writing campaign to help students who are interested and allow the funds go to their accounts.
- d. Determine refund policy.

Charms

Will keep using through 2023 – 2024 school year but will start looking for other alternatives after the London Trip.

Nominating Committee

We need to get our committee in place to prepare for turnover of officers. The constitution requires a nominating committee by February. Ben asked for volunteers to serve on nominating committee for next year. Kristina Hutcherson will serve as nominating committee chair.

Raising Fees

Ben proposed for us not to raise fees for next year. The board will vote on it at a later meeting and determine our fee structure for the 2023 – 2024 school year.

Attracting Volunteers

What can we do to attract more volunteers to games and other band events?

- a. More training opportunities for new parents.
- b. Look at easier ways for people to sign up for events.
- c. Look at ways to incorporate volunteer opportunities into newsletter weekly.

Selling the Instrument Truck

Ben Boles advised that right now is the best time to look at selling our old instrument truck. It is currently being used for storage by the band. Ben thinks that we can get roughly about \$10k if we sell the equipment truck.

Purchasing additional trailer

There are many benefits to having a 2nd trailer and will minimize our expenses over the long haul. We need to decide soon so that if we want to purchase to make sure we can have it in place for the next band season. We will discuss further at a later meeting and formally discuss a plan.

Ben recommended that we consider giving a credit to those who are pulling the trailer to events and competitions.

We will discuss and vote on truck and trailer at a future meeting later this year.

Fundraising Commission

The board discussed what is it worth to the board for someone to come up with a viable fundraising effort and handle all the logistics of this event (turn key)? Do we want as a board to offer a commission? After a brief discussion it was decided that this wasn't something that we wanted to start doing.

Fundraising Update

- Simple Sheets fundraising is going smooth. Currently some have already submitted online. Order forms are due to band box by November 4. Will set up at the concert on November 3.
- 2nd Boston Butt sale is January 9 – February 1, 2023. February 11, 2023 is pick-up day.
- Mattress sale. Will start to work on.
- Brick Sales will continue this year.

Old Uniforms

What are we going to do with old uniforms? There are very few options for liquidating them. We discussed allowing current students/families to take one for a donation. After brief discussion it was decided to offer old uniforms for sale to current band students. Uniforms will be available for purchase at concert on November 3.

Band Director

- Mr. Tankesley discussed the needs for the All-State try-outs being hosted by Huntsville High School Band and the importance of our school doing a great job of hosting. (January 27 and 28, 2023)
- Mr. Tankesley advised that we will need to take some formal pictures of the band to provide to the London Parade committee.
- Mr. Tankesley advised that we needed someone to create a program for our band events this year.

Ben Boles closed the meeting at 7:35 p.m.

Approved by Ben Boles, President

Joe Rist, Secretary